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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Livshits et al.

Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/459,573

Examiner: Ramirez

Filing Date: December 13, 1999

Attorney Ref. No.: US-1270

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO
ACIDS

Via Facsimile to: 703.872.9306

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**Mail Stop AFTER FINAL**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the Notice of Appeal, dated August 19, 2004, which set a two-month shortened statutory period for further filing of either an Appeal Brief or a Request For Continued Examination, Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for said further filing, two month(s) to December 19, 2004.

The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge our deposit account 50-3077 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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